as a result thereof and how does it compare with the production of pulses in the year 1985 and 1986;

(c) the reasons for the low production, if any, of pulses as against the target at the end of 1987, and

(d) the percentage of increase/decline in the per capita availability of pulses at the end of 1987 as compared to the per capita availability at the end of 1985 and 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) One of the steps taken to raise the production of pulses is introduction of National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) at the State Level. Under NPDP incentives are being given on (i) Distribution of Minikits (ii) Organisation of Block Demonstration (iii) Adaptive trials (iv) Supply of Biological parasites (v) Distribution of Plant Protection Chemicals (vi) Stocking and Pre-positioning of seeds and (vii) organisation of seed villages and training.

To increase the production of Pulses in the country the Programmes of Area expansion and also increase in the yield levels have been emphasised.

(b) and (c) The production of pulses during 1985-86 and 1986-87 was 13.36 and 11.74 million tonnes respectively. Though the year 1987-88 experienced the worst drought of the country, it is estimated that the pulse production level may be around 11 million tonnes.

(d) The availability of pulses in 1985 and 1986 was 38.1 and 40.6 grams per capita per day respectively. As regards the availabilty of Pulses for the year 1987, it is yet to be estimated by the Bureau of Economics & Statistics.

Rise in wages of the Industrial workers

1335. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state what are the reasons for rise in money wage and real wage of industrial workers in the country year-wise from 1985 to 1988?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Outstanding amount of Provident Fund to be realised from employers in West Bengal

1336. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of Provident Fund of workers to be deposited by the employers in West Bengal as on the 30th June, 1988; and

(b) what action is being taken to realise the amounts?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESWARI DUBEY): (a) The information as on 30.6.1988 is not readily available. However, the arrears of EPF contribution as on 31.12.1987 was as given below:—

(i) Unexempted establishments Rs. 9.19 crores

(ii) Exempted establishments Rs. 88.48 crores.

(b) The E.P.F. authorities are generally taking the following action for realisation of the outstanding dues :—

(i) Issuing of Recovery Certificates under section 8 of the EPF Act for recovery of dues in respect of unexempted establishments;

(ii) Filing of prosecution cases under section 14 of the EPF Act in respect of unexempted establishments;

(iii) Filing of prosecution cases under section 14(2A) of the EPF Act in cases of default on the part of exempted establishments;

(iv) Filing of complaints under section 406|409 IPC in cases of non-payment of contribution deducted from the wages of the employees;

(v) Levying of damages under section 14B of the EPF Act.